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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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DIAGNOSING AND TREATING A BREATHING DISORDER  
  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1504

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Before acting on the merits of the present application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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